

## Dixon, Abernathy wed in candlelight ceremony

The First Christian Church of Huntsville was the setting for the candlelight wedding of Miss Catherine Alyssa Dixon and Mr. Timothy Doyle Abernathy at half past six o'clock in the evening of Saturday, January 11, 1997.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dale Dixon. The groom is the son of Mr. Eugene Abernathy and the late Mrs. Frances Eubanks Abernathy. All are residents of Huntsville.

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Huggins, pastor of Elkins Lake Baptist Church and friend of the bride's family, led the exchange of vows in the double ring ceremony before an altar resplendent with a massive arrangement of white gladioli, Gerber daisies, Queen Ann's lace, and sprengerii fern.

Complimentary pillar arrangements to each side of the chancel area completed the setting. All were highlighted with silver iced gypsophylla.

Escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride chose a heavily beaded traditional gown of candlelight peau do soie. Her gown was enhanced by a rising sweetheart neckline, long petal point sleeves and a sweeping cathedral length train bordered in beaded palettes. Her fingertip wedding veil of candlelight silk illusion was attached to a beaded bandeau encircling her up-swept coiffure.

She carried an arm bouquet of white rubrum lilies, gladioli and long sprays of phalaenopsis orchids accented by silver iced gypsophylla tied with shimmering gossamer ribbons.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Stuart Mazyn as Matron of Honor; Miss Lisa Brown as Maid of Honor; Miss Lori Leigh Grigar, cousin of the bride, and Wendie Martinez as bridesmaids.

The attendants were identically dressed in floor length black velvet gowns designed to create a strapless effect with sheer silk illusion covering the shoulders and extending to long fitted sleeves cuffed in black velvet.

Each wore diamond and onyx earrings, a gift from the bride, and carried an arm bouquet of white gladioli, ruby throated rubrum lilies and silver iced gypsophylla tied with gossamer ribbons.

Little Miss Shelby Buenger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Buenger of Austin, served as flower girl. She wore a black velvet pinafore over a white organza dress and carried a silver basket of white mixed flowers.

Master Dylan Gearhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gearhart of Longview and cousin of the bride, served as ring-bearer.

The groom was attended by Zachary Glass as Best Man. Groomsmen were his brother, Michael Abernathy of McGregor; the bride's brother, Will Dixon; and Stuart Mazyn.

Ushering guests were the bride's cousin, Lance Grigar of Eagle Lake, and friends Coby George of Huntsville, Judson Moore of Van and Alphonso Startling of Tyler.

Acolytes for the services were the bride's brother, Luke Dixon and Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson of Huntsville.

Organist for the ceremony was Ms. Debbie Garza. She played interlude of nuptial selections prior to the ceremony and accompanied soloist, Mr. Isiak Holiday Jr., as he sang "Ave Maria" following the seating of the parents.

Trumpeters for the introduction to the processional "Heralds of Christ," were Jeff Brister and Chris Cantrell.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Dixon chose a floor length pewter taffeta evening skirt worn with a beaded bodice and jeweled evening jacket in tones of pewter, slate and turquoise.

Mrs. Abernathy, stepmother of the groom, selected a tea length gown of beige lace featuring a dropped waistline and midlength sleeves for the occasion.

Special guests seated with the bride's parents were the bride's grandparents, Mr. Jesse Dixon of Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Farris of Eagle Lake; maternal great grandmother, Mrs. Evia Hobbs of Houston; and the Dixon children's lifelong nanny, Mrs. Essie Hightower of Huntsville.

Seated with the groom's father was paternal grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Allen of Huntsville.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception for the guests in the ballroom of Lowman Student Center on the Sam Houston State University campus.

The ballroom was transformed for the occasion into a sparkling winter scene by thousands of miniature lights, bare white tree branches and glistening winter foliage.

The walls of the ballroom were swagged in garlands of crushed black tulle entwined in crystal lights. Giant puffs of black tulle and silver lamé secured the garlands at accent points along the walls.

Crowning the dance floor was a huge canopy of black tulle and lights garlanded in broad bands of crushed silver lamé and gold beads.

Throughout the ballroom, giant ficus trees covered in twinkle lights formed backdrops for the various serving areas.

To each side of the stage were tall white columns holding aloft massive urn arrangements of bare winter branches entwined in lights and icy foliage. Crushed silver lamé was swagged throughout each arrangement and cascaded around the column to the floor.

Guests were seated at tables around the dance floor that were skirted in white then decorated with a swag of crushed silver lamé and black tulle surrounding a tall hurricane lamp on a mirror base. Crystal ice flakes and glistening foliage accents added sparkle to the candlelight.

A round table, flanked by two wing tables, formed the setting for the wedding cake. The tall confection featured crystal columns with a crystal fountain flowing between the tiers of the cake.

Satellite cakes of several flavors formed the base of the cake which was also decorated with pearls and crystal lights.

Each wing table held an icy arrangement of winter foliage and lighted bare branches. Silver lamé and iridescent ribbon garlanded the entire setting.

Nearby was a matching table for service of coffee and punch.

The opposite side of the ballroom featured a long serpentine table for the cocktail buffet and carving stations. The buffet and bar area were decorated in the same winter motif used throughout the reception.

The festive occasion was highlighted during the evening by the bride, an accomplished vocalist, singing "Because You Love Me" as a surprise for her new husband and the enjoyment of the wedding guests.

Assisting the hosts were houseparty members Ms. Bernice Coleman; Mrs. Brian Hilton of Killen; Mrs. Clayton Waits; Mrs. Howard Moran; Miss Susan Biles; Miss Nesi Lillard; Miss Lacy Lansford; Miss Amanda McClendon, cousin of the bride from

Longview; Miss Rhodi West of Van; Miss Jennifer Neeley of Whitehouse; Miss Melissa Norrell of Canton; and Mrs. Theo Nacos of Tyler.

At the conclusion of the reception, the new Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy departed for a honeymoon in Cozamel, Mexico. For travel, the bride chose a deep purple ensemble with black suede accessories.

Upon their return, they are making their home in Huntsville where Alyssa is employed in her mother's accounting firm, Candyce F. Dixon, CPA.

Tim is employed by TDCJ at the Ellis I Unit.

### Parties & Showers

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Cording, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burns, Mrs. Bernice Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Froelich, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. James Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Waits hosted a champagne engagement reception November 9, 1996, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gaines.

Saturday, November 30, 1996, Mesdames Oscar Douglas, Dan Buenger, and Blaine Buenger hosted a miscellaneous shower for Alyssa at the home of Mrs. Dan Buenger.

Saturday, December 7, 1996, Mrs. Frank Lee, Mrs. Leon Gearhart and Mrs. Leon Glass hosted a miscellaneous shower for the couple at the home of Mrs. Frank Lee in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Farris, grandparents of the bride, hosted a dinner party in honor of the couple Friday, January 10, at The Homestead on 19th.

Included as guests were all of the wedding party, their spouses and dates as well as the bride's aunt, Mrs. Michael L. Grigar of Eagle Lake; the bride's uncle, Rich Farris of Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Ken Huggins; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buenger; Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Buenger; Ms. Debbie Garza; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moran; and the bride's cousin, Mrs. Leon Gearhart of Longview and her children, Amanda and Dylan.

Mrs. Don McLaughlin and Mrs. Ken Huggins hosted a bridesmaids' luncheon, Saturday, January 11, at the Elkins Lake Clubhouse for all of the ladies of the wedding party, mothers, grandmothers, visiting aunts and cousins in town for the wedding.



Mrs. Timothy Doyle Abernathy



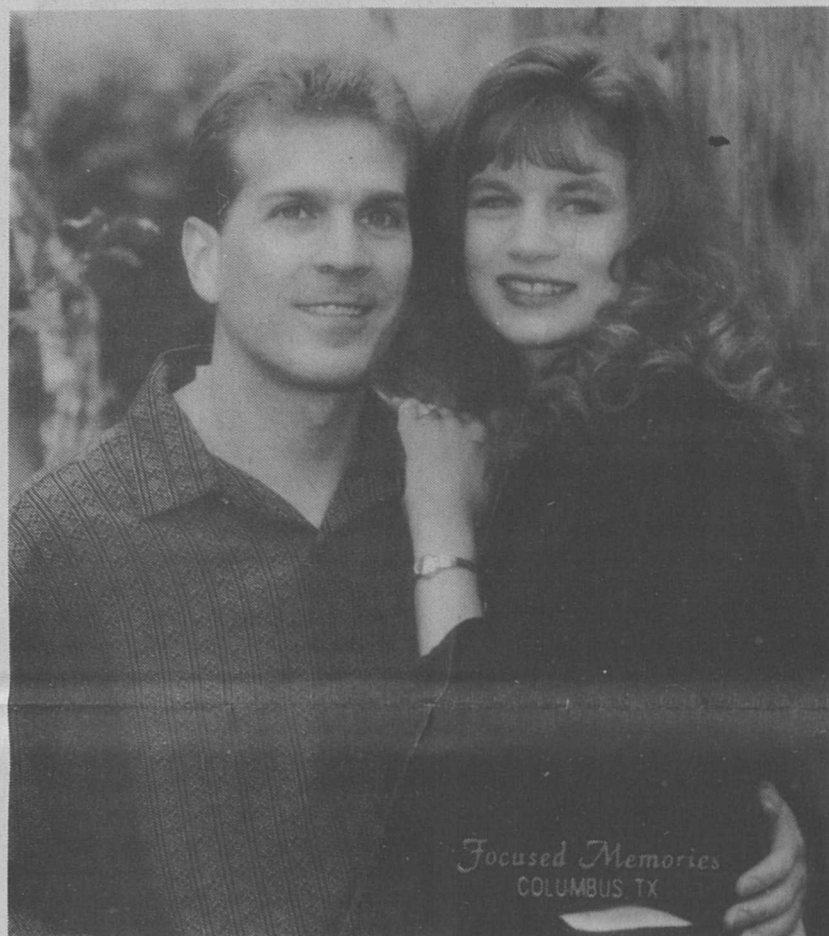
By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

### BONE UP ON ARTHROPLASTY

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P.S. Seek help any time your toes hurt when you walk. Putting off treatment could lead to infection and tissue breakdown.



### Heard, Carson to wed June 28

Tommie Lynn Holden of Rock Island is pleased to announce the approaching marriage of her daughter, Jodi L'rae Heard, to Steven Kent Carson of Victoria.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Jody Leon Heard and granddaughter of Jean Thornton of Eagle Lake and the late Dan Thornton.

Jodi is attending the school of fine arts at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, majoring in Psychology/Health and Physical Wellness. She is employed part-time as an aerobics instructor at Strom's Fitness Center in Seguin.

The prospective groom is the son of Barbara and Carroll (Kit) Carson of Victoria. He has an Associate Degree from Victoria's Technical and Vocational School, but chose to spend the past year as a songwriter for Sony Tree Productions in Nashville, Tennessee. He is also a guitarist/vocalist with The Emotions.

The couple plan to wed June 28, 1997, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus.

## Oncologist Popatia relocates at Polly Ryon

Amirali S. Popatia, M.D., has announced the relocation of his oncology (cancer services) practice to the Richmond Professional Building adjacent to Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital (PRMH).

Dr. Popatia will provide comprehensive oncology services including consultation, in-office chemotherapy and follow-up for cancer patients.

"We are pleased Dr. Popatia has joined the medical staff at Polly Ryon and moved his practice into the Richmond Professional Building," said Sam Steffee, executive director and CEO of PRMH. "This is the first time a full-time medical oncologist has provided cancer services at Polly Ryon. With the combination of our outstanding imaging and surgical services and the oncology expertise of Dr. Popatia, Fort Bend County residents will have access to comprehensive oncology care."

Popatia attended Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

He completed his residency in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and completed a fellowship in medical oncology at Baylor College of Medicine affiliated hospitals in Houston.

For the past year, he has served as the Medical Director of the Gulf Coast

Regional Cancer Center in Wharton. Popatia is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology.

His new office is in the Richmond Professional Building at 1601 Main Street, Suite 201. To schedule an appointment, call 344-8008.

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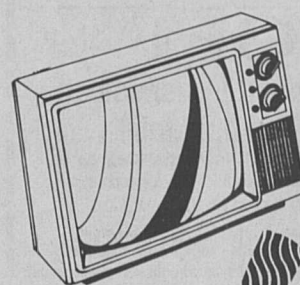
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